

also those who have never returned. I commend the Department of Defense's use of DNA sampling of living relatives to identify unknown remains. I have linked their website from mine and encourage other members to do the same to publicize this important step. We must also continue to encourage Korea, Vietnam and other countries to fully cooperate with our efforts to bring resolution to these cases.

Mr. Speaker, our missing heroes deserve much more than just a passive pledge not to forget, they deserve our active support. Let us all remember that fact on MIA/POW Recognition Day.

COMMENDING "SPIRIT OF AMERICA" AWARD RECIPIENTS PENNY FREDERICK AND KRISTIE BROUSSARD

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the achievements of two of the staff members in my Lafayette, Louisiana Congressional District Office—Penny Frederick and Kristie Broussard.

On September 11, 2002, Penny and Kristie received the "Spirit of America" Award from the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana. They received this award in recognition of their dedicated service to those in need in our community.

As the commendation reads, both Penny and Kristie have "upheld the founding spirit of America, extending a helping hand to those in need of new homes and new hope. Migration and Refugee Services extends this commendation with warmest regards and deepest appreciation."

I applaud their patience and compassion for our constituents in Louisiana's 7th Congressional District. Their years of service to our community, and their dedication to their jobs is evidenced through this award.

Along with my outstanding team of staffers both in the district and in Washington, DC, I commend Penny and Kristie on this achievement.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I am joined by 35 of my colleagues in introducing a bipartisan resolution supporting the issuance of a postage stamp honoring America's small businesses.

Small businesses make up a significant sector of our economy. The estimated 25 million small businesses in this nation bring new and innovative services and products to the marketplace and provide business ownership opportunities to diverse and traditionally underrepresented groups. According to the Small Business Administration, small firms create

two out of every three new jobs in America. In fact, small businesses employ 54 percent of the national work force, and the men and women who own small businesses represent over 99 percent of all employers.

Many cutting-edge technologies which have become a part of our daily lives are the product of small business innovation. From the zipper and quick-frozen food, to the personal computer and high-resolution x-ray microscopes, small businesses have been a major force in shaping the last half century. In fact, it is estimated that small firms produce twice as many innovations per employee as large firms. Although small businesses receive a low percentage of federal research and development funds, they are responsible for a larger percentage of patents than big companies.

I urge my colleagues to join me and the 35 original bipartisan cosponsors of this resolution in honoring the real engine of our nation's economy by supporting the issuance of a postage stamp in commemoration of America's small businesses.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DON PARSONS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with earnest respect that I recognize the life and passing of Mr. Don Parsons of Northglenn, Colorado. Sadly, Mr. Parsons recently passed away at the end of August and as his family mourns the loss, I would like to pay tribute to his life and to the wonderful contributions he made to the Northglenn Community.

For over fifteen years Don Parsons served diligently as Northglenn's mayor, prescribing effective solutions to many of the problems that confronted the city through out the years. Mr. Parsons served Northglenn's citizens honestly and faithfully and his reputation for fair dealing won him the bipartisan approval of his constituency. Don Parsons's ability to manage money and his overwhelming popularity throughout the community helped the mayor to resolve many of Northglenn's financial problems and place the city in a strong position fiscally.

Mr. Parsons believed and often said, "that those who are in charge should be those who are affected" and that is exactly how he made decisions for the City of Northglenn. He was always a citizen first and never lost touch with the real issues and concerns that affected his constituency with in the community. Mr. Parsons also contributed his time and expertise to a variety of regional boards and commissions, including the Regional Air Quality Council, the Metro Mayor's Caucus, and the Denver Regional Council of Governments.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I recognize Mr. Parsons before this body of Congress and this nation for the wonderful contributions he has made to the city of Northglenn, Colorado. My sincere condolences go out to his wife Jennifer, and his four children Julie, Jill, Doug, and Dirk. In life and in politics, Don Parsons always embodied the best of intentions. His loss will be deeply felt by the City of Northglenn and the entire state of Colorado.

CONGRATULATING EBBY HALLIDAY ACERS

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Texas's most respected and most successful businesswomen—Ebby Halliday of Dallas—on the occasion of her 91st birthday. Her countless community activities, successful business venture and endless enthusiasm make her truly a remarkable woman.

Ebby Halliday Realtors, the company that she founded 47 years ago, has grown from its infancy into a nationally known entity. This company that began with one office has now expanded to become one of the world's largest independently-owned residential realty firms. And at the age of 91, Ebby still works 9-hour work days. Ebby Halliday Realtors assisted some 17,500 home buyers last year, and Ebby's remarkable business acumen is evident in the many awards that she has received from her industry and peers.

In 1996 Ebby was introduced into the Texas Business Hall of Fame. She was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Realtors and the International Real Estate Federation. Ernst and Young named her the regional Entrepreneur of the Year in 1997, and she was inducted into the Dallas Business Hall of Fame in 1999. In 2000, Ebby received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Real Estate from Texas A&M's Real Estate Center and was named Most Influential Woman in the Business and Professional Category by the Ft. Worth Business Press. Ebby was the first recipient of the Executive Women International's Executive Excellence Award—an award that will carry her name in the future—and she was conferred the Degree of Doctor of Humanities by Dallas Baptist University.

Aside from running a successful business, Ebby has selflessly devoted time and resources to local civic organizations. She has served as chairperson of the Thanksgiving Square Foundation, served on the boards of St. Paul Medical Foundation, the Communities Foundation of Texas, the Dallas Community College District Foundation, and the Better Business Bureau. She has also supported the Alexis de Tocqueville Society for the United Way, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Guild, the Plano Symphony and the State Fair of Texas. She has been president of the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce and of the Greater Dallas Planning Council and served as a member of the Dallas Park and Recreation Board. In addition, the St. Paul Medical Center Foundation was dedicated to Ebby and her husband, Maurice Acers, in honor of their service.

Ebby's remarkable energy and philanthropy are a testament to her devotion to her career and to her community, and the State of Texas is grateful for her many significant contributions. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to recognize an outstanding citizen for her remarkable lifetime of achievement and philanthropy—my dear friend, Ebby Halliday Acers.